(b) if so, the details of the project with current status and the reasons for delay in its execution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The equipment procurement efforts for BSNL's new mobile network expansion project received a setback with one of the bidder approaching the Hon'ble High Court against the decision of BSNL rejecting his bid. The case has since been withdrawn in April'07 and Advance Purchase Order had already been placed on the successful bidder which is yet to be accepted by him.

Fund allocation for commonwealth games

†1457. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by Government for preparation of Commonwealth Games to be held in 2010; and

(b) the amount allocated to develop infrastructure with regard to accommodation for foreign nationals who would be visiting India?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Government have approved project proposals of the Sports Authority of India amounting to Rs. 1000 crores (+ 10%) for the upgradation/creation of sports venue infrastructure; the upgradation of the tennis venue by the All India Tennis Association at a cost of Rs. 30 crores (+ 15%) and the expenditure budget of the Organizing Committee on a revenue neutral basis of Rs. 767 crores (± 15%) for the 'Conduct of Games'. The Expenditure Finance Committee have recommended the proposal of the Delhi Development Authority for Rs. 325.00 crores (± 25%) for the international zone etc. in the Games Village (which is being developed on the Public Private Partnership Mode) and sports infrastructure.

The Planning Commission have approved a proposal of the Government of the NCT of Delhi for an amount of Rs. 770.00 crores for the up-gradation of the civic infrastructure in the context of the Commonwealth Games. The Planning Commission have also approved an amount of Rs. 110.00 crores to the Government of Maharashtra as Special Central Assistance for sports infrastructure for the Commonwealth Youth Games, 2008 to be held in Pune, as a sub-event of the main Commonwealth Games 2010.

(b) No amount has been allocated by the Government for developing accommodation in the Games Village, which is being developed on the public-private-partnership mode for housing all Indian/foreign accredited athletes, coaches, medical/administrative staff, managers etc. Other foreign nationals, who may include technical officials/visitors would be accommodated in existing hotels or those coming up from investment by private entrepreneurs.

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